



RIVERSDALE SCHOOL
Inspiring Excellence

Our School Values:

We are:

Respectful - Whakaute

Responsible - Kawenga

Resilient – Manawaroa

Our Well-being – Hauora, supports these.

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Riversdale School Newsletter – **Term 2 Week 3**

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.
Hello everyone,
Kia ora e hoa mā.

**Whakaute
Respect**

The Board of Trustees is absolutely delighted to advise that Miss Bronwyn McCall has been appointed as the principal of Riversdale School. Miss McCall is a very experienced and expert principal. She is a proven leader and a really lovely person. She comes from a very successful school, which she has ably led for some years, and the Riversdale community is very fortunate to be welcoming someone of her high calibre to lead the school forward. Bronwyn is from the local area (Waikaka and lives in Gore) and understands rural communities, which is a strength. The staff are delighted to be having a principal with such wide-ranging capabilities come to Riversdale School and look forward to the exciting leadership that she will provide. They will be holding a mihi whakatau (welcoming ceremony) at the beginning of Term 3 to welcome Miss McCall, our new teachers and other new tamariki and whanau to our school community.

The Board is also delighted to advise the teaching staff for Terms 3 and 4. In Room B1 (Years 5 and 6) they have appointed Mrs Megan Cloete. Megan is South African and has been teaching in an International School in Kazakhstan prior to coming to Riversdale. She comes with her husband and two young children, and will bring many strengths to our school, having taught an international baccalaureate curriculum most recently. Mrs Cloete has taught in a range of countries in international schools, and so brings a broad world perspective to our school community. She is very experienced and is very much looking forward to teaching the tamariki of Room B1 and build on their learning.

We are so incredibly fortunate that Mrs Katie Blatch has accepted a fixed term position for Terms 3 and 4, in Room 5. Katie is an incredibly skilled teacher, and across her teaching career has been loyal to the school and committed to the tamariki of Riversdale School. I am so grateful that she has agreed to teach the Year 7 and 8 tamariki, as I know you will be also. She will provide continuity following on from Jessica Stevenson, and her skills with the up-coming production in Term 4 will be a great asset to this group of tamariki and the whole school.

Congratulations to the Board of Trustees on these wonderful appointments. It means that the school is very well set up to continue the fabulous education that the children of this community have always received.

You are **all** invited to the **mihi whakatau** to be held in our school hall on the first Monday of Term 3 at 9.45am. We will be welcoming the new principal and teachers to the school, as well as our new tamariki and whanau who joined our school during Term 2. This will be followed by morning tea.

Coming Up....

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| 22 May | BOT Meeting 7pm |
| 24 May | Community Assembly in the hall at 1.45pm |
| 25 May | Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia |
| 1 June | Northern Cross Country |
| 5 June | King's Birthday – School Closed |
| 16 June | Southland Cross Country at the Waimumu field days site. |
| 28 June | Community Assembly in the hall at 1.30pm |
| 30 June | Last day of Term 2. Farewell Miss Stevenson; we wish you well for your fantastic overseas adventures. |
| 17 July | First day of Term 3. Welcome to Miss McCall, Mrs Cloete, and Mrs Blatch. Mihi Whakatau in the school hall at 9.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend. |

The students below received certificates for displaying the values of being respectful, resilient, and responsible, at Riversdale School, last week.

Kei te pai - Well done! You all displayed the school values so well.

| | Manawaroa-Resilience | Whakaute-Respect | Kawenga-Responsible |
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| Room 5 | <i>Zeke</i> | <i>Rylan</i> | <i>Gurjeet</i> |
| Room B1 | <i>Areke</i> | <i>Campbell</i> | <i>Eljah</i> |
| Room B2 | <i>Lily</i> | <i>Kaelee</i> | <i>Emma</i> |
| Room 3 | <i>Ruby</i> | <i>Evie</i> | <i>Archer L</i> |
| Room 2 | <i>Abigail</i> | <i>Indie</i> | <i>Jack J</i> |
| Room 1 | <i>Kaydence</i> | <i>Meads</i> | <i>Resandi</i> |

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Robin Sherratt and James Nicolson.
Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

James Nicolson – 027 2848816

Robin Sherratt – 021 2930631

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Swimming Pool....

The pool has closed. Please return all keys to Challenge Service Station as soon as possible.

RIVERSDALE JUNIOR RUGBY

It's time to sign up for Junior rugby this year - please register at this link below for Riversdale Rugby Club.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/riversdalerugby/registration-forms-1/junior-players>

Rugby will start **Saturday 13th May 2023**. Rippa and C grade play in Mossburn each week and B & A grade play in different locations each week.

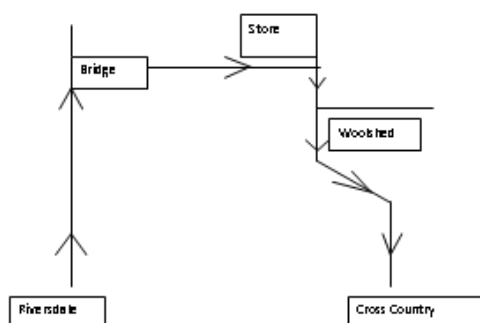
Follow the Riversdale Junior Rugby Facebook page for more details.

Friday practices have started for Rippa, C and B Grade Rugby Players.

- Children need to bring their rugby gear (boots and a mouthguard) to school on Friday morning.
- Children need to wear clothes they're happy to run around/train in to school on Fridays.
- Children will eat their lunch then be released to go and change and have a play. A "rugby bell" will ring at 1.20pm for children to head to the front gate and meet the rugby parents walking them to the Riversdale rugby grounds that week.
- Parent help is greatly appreciated to help walk the children to and from practice...we've got 27 Rippa's this year! If you're available any week, please meet at the front of school just before 1.20pm.
- Children will be back at school in time for assembly and 3pm pick up.
- Children will be given their playing uniform this week (Riversdale jersey and socks) that are theirs to wear and look after for the season. They will need their own black shorts for Saturday games.

Waimea Cross Country

Where: Waikaia
When: Thursday 25 May
No postponement date.
Time: 1:00pm sharp



You must contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus.

On Thursday 25 May **all of our tamariki** will travel to Waikaia for the Waimea Schools Cross Country. The Cross Country is held at the property of Mr Ray Ferguson on Blakie Road, it is signposted from the Waikaia Bridge (refer to the map above). **We ask that parents please provide transport.** If you are unable to do this, please find a ride with someone else for your child/ren, and send a note to school advising us of this. Teachers will be able to transport a number of children.

Cross Country is not an optional event – every child displays our school vision and values by participating and doing their best.

Children come to school as normal, by bus or walking/biking. **We will depart from school at 12:20pm** to arrive at Waikaia by 12:45pm. Children will have an early lunch prior to leaving school. Please meet your child at the front or back school gate.

Ages are as at 31 December **2023**, and will be written on children's hands by their teacher. 8yrs – 13yrs can qualify for the Northern Cross Country event (depending on finishing times).

Upon arrival children must line up in an orderly manner, in their age groups, and racing will commence. At the end of each race the first ten or so boys and girls are lined up in finishing order and their names recorded.

Once your child/ren have run, you are free to take them home.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a change of footwear (including socks) as it can be very wet underfoot, and a jacket and hat to put on. It may be appropriate for them to run wearing a hat if it is very cold. Also ensure that they do have a drink of water for when they finish the race. Gym shoes are worn to run in, as per Southland Primary School rules.

Toilets are back in the township beside the Waikaia Store.

- 3-4 marshals are required from **each school**, Parent/Teacher
- Field marshals report to Michelle Houghton on arrival.
- We are not running behind a motorbike so it is important that we have Marshalls all around the course.
- Toilets will be open at the Museum.
- It is highly recommended that competitors have a spare set of clothes to change into and a towel.
- As per Southland Primary School rules, gym shoes must be worn (No sprigs, spikes, socks or bare-feet)

If you have any questions regarding cross country, please either ask your child's teacher, or phone/text the school. We look forward to a fine day and encouraging each of our tamariki to do the best that they can.

Please contact the bus driver if your child is off the bus and let your child's teacher know if they need a ride to Cross Country.

Taku Waimarie Show

This was an incredibly professional show that all of our tamariki enjoyed yesterday. It was delivered all in Te Reo. The actors were amazing and all children were able to follow the story they told about a boy running away to the city, making friends with some street kids, and defeating a terrible taniwha (Captain Hook) because he would not allow Te Reo to be spoken. He then returns to the farm. His cow is a hero in this story, as well as Tamatea and the three street kids.

Below are some photos from the show.







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